

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A polarizing member comprising:
a cholesteric liquid-crystal layer,
a quarter-wave plate, and
an optical rotatory layer, wherein said quarter-wave plate is interposed between said cholesteric liquid-crystal layer and said optical rotatory layer, said optical rotatory layer being ~~adjacent to~~ laminated on said quarter-wave plate through an adhesive layer, and
an absorption type polarizer disposed on an upper side of said optical rotatory layer, so
that said optical rotatory layer is interposed between said quarter-wave plate and said absorption
type polarizer.

Claim 2 (canceled).

3. (currently amended): A polarizing member according to claim ~~2~~1, ~~further comprising~~
~~an absorption type polarizer disposed on an upper side of said optical rotatory layer~~, wherein a
major or minor axis of said optical rotatory layer in each of opposite surfaces of said optical
rotatory layer is parallel to a plane of polarization of light linearly polarized by a combination of
said cholesteric liquid-crystal layer and said quarter-wave plate and to an axis of polarization of
said absorption type polarizer.

4. (currently amended): A polarizing member according to ~~any one of claims 1 through 3~~claim 1 or 3, wherein said optical rotatory layer is made of a polymer containing a nematic liquid-crystal monomer and an optically active monomer as components.

5. (currently amended): A polarizing member according to ~~any one of claims 1 through 3~~claim 1 or 3, wherein said optical rotatory layer exhibits an angle of rotation satisfying an expression:

$$(2n + 1)\pi/4$$

in which n is an integer.

6. (original): A polarizing member according to claim 4, wherein said optical rotatory layer exhibits an angle of rotation satisfying an expression:

$$(2n + 1) \pi/4$$

in which n is an integer.

7. (currently amended): A liquid-crystal display device comprising a polarizing member as defined in ~~any one of claims 1 through 3~~claim 1 or 3, and a liquid-crystal cell, said polarizing member being disposed on a back side (opposite to a visual side) of said liquid-crystal cell.

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8. (original): A liquid-crystal display device comprising a polarizing member as defined in claim 4, and a liquid-crystal cell, said polarizing member being disposed on a back side (opposite to a visual side) of said liquid-crystal cell.

9. (original): A liquid-crystal display device comprising a polarizing member as defined in claim 5, and a liquid-crystal cell, said polarizing member being disposed on a back side (opposite to a visual side) of said liquid-crystal cell.

10. (original): A liquid-crystal display device comprising a polarizing member as defined in claim 6, and a liquid-crystal cell, said polarizing member being disposed on a back side (opposite to a visual side) of said liquid-crystal cell.

Claim 11 (canceled).